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CROP PROSPECTS.

FORECAST OF INDIA'S COTTON PRODUCTION, 1923-24.

India's first forecast of cotton production for 1923-24 indicates an increase of 2 per cent on an acreage 10 per cent greater than last year, according to a cable received on December 20 from the Indian Department of Statistics at Calcutta. The forecast is for 4,111,000 bales of 478 pounds net compared with 4,016,000 bales, the forecast at the same date last year. These forecasts relate to areas sown up to December 1. The final revised figure for last year was 4,348,000 bales of 478 pounds net.

The cotton area is estimated at 21,845,000 acres, according to the cable, compared with 19,845,000 acres at the same time last year. The final revised figure for all India last year was 21,154,000 acres.

FALL SOWINGS FOR 1924.

The acreage sown to fall wheat in Poland this year is estimated at 2,538,000 acres in a report from Commercial Attache Rogers at Warsaw. This compares with 2,513,000 acres last year.

In Bulgaria the area is estimated at 3,315,000 acres compared with 4,487,000 acres last year. The report refers to the end of November and covers almost the entire country. Dry weather during November permitted the seeding of only about 50 per cent of the area intended to be seeded.

Fall wheat acreage in the United States is about 12 per cent less than last year, and in Canada is about 19 per cent less. In the United States the area is 40,191,000 acres compared with 45,950,000 acres last fall. In Canada it is 767,200 acres compared with 947,900 acres last year.

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FALL SOWINGS FOR 1924, CONT'D.

Fall sown rye acreage in Poland is estimated at 11,518,000 compared with 11,475,000 acres last year.

In the United States the area sown to winter rye is about 15 per cent less than last year. 4,377,000 acres have been sown this fall compared with 5,157,000 acres last fall.

POLISH AGRICULTURE.

The present Polish Republic comprises the territory of the old Russian province of Congress Poland, Galicia the former Prussian Poland, Upper Silesia and a portion of the Vilna territory having 146,821 square miles of territory and a total population of about 27,000,000. That portion of Vilna which is now a part of Poland was in dispute with Lithuania until in 1922. The territory submitted to the plebiscite was composed of Silesia and the smaller territories of Mozuri and Kwidzyn having a total population of about 3,000,000 people.

The changes in boundaries have made it difficult to get agricultural statistics comparable over a series of years. An attempt has been made to determine the area and production of the cereal crops, potatoes and sugar beets for the pre-war territory now included in the Polish Republic. The data are preliminary estimates however, and are subject to changes. The total acreage sown to these crops in 1923 was within nearly 3,000,000 acres of the pre-war acreage in the same territory. Wheat, rye and barley are still somewhat below pre-war acreage but the acreage of potatoes and oats is close to pre-war figures.

The forecast of sugar production from sugar beets harvested this season is considerably larger than the production for any year since 1916. The production of beets this season is estimated at 3,353,000 short tons harvested from an acreage considerably below the average for 1909-1913.

The acreage sown to fall cereals this season is reported to be less than last year by about 100,000 acres. All the decrease, however, is in barley acreage. Wheat, rye and oats show small increases. Livestock are not far below pre-war numbers in the case of horses, cattle and hogs, though sheep are still somewhat below.

POLISH AGRICULTURE, -CONT'D.

Although Poland is now producing foodstuffs in excess of the domestic needs export restrictions are still in force varying in accordance with the different commodities. Reports indicate that agricultural prices are depressed, perhaps artificially, but that territory which is now Poland seems to be approaching its pre-war position in agriculture.

If Poland is able to offset the influences adversely affecting the currency, and the labor situation does not prove too difficult agriculture may prosper. Just how much improvement may be effected during the next year depends in a large measure, upon the financial and political conditions within the Republic.

THE AGRARIAN POLICY OF POLAND.

Mr. Hitier writing on the French Agricultural Mission to Poland which was organized under the auspices of the Franco-Polish Association and the Society of Agriculturists of France in June 1923 states that the Polish Agrarian Policy is at the present time probably the greatest political and social problem of the young Polish Republic.

On July 15, 1919 the Polish Diet approved unanimously the agrarian law the chief author of which was Mr. Vitos, leader of the peasant representation and to-day president of the council. According to this law a single owner can own only 148 acres in industrial or suburban zones, 445 acres elsewhere, except in certain regions of Posen and in some of the eastern parts of the Republic where the maximum amount is 988 acres.

The Polish people seem to understand that reforms should not be brought about too hurriedly as they are likely to cause confusion which does more harm than good.

The large estates of over 247 acres occupy at the present time 44-4/5 per cent of the total farm area in Poland and 35,150,756 acres out of a total of 78,931,622 acres used for agricultural purposes of all kinds. The forests are in the hands of the large land holders, but it is also the large land holders who furnish the largest production of rye and wheat for the consumption of the inhabitants of cities and for export; the largest quantities of sugar, alcohol, starch, etc. On large estates in Poland there may be found sugar factories, distilleries, starch factories, potato drying houses and places for the production of selected seed.

The small estates and farms, on the contrary furnish, above all, the animal products, although it is on the large estates that the better breeds of stock are found.

Source: Journal d'Agriculture Pratique, November 3, 1923.

TRADE, PRICE AND PRODUCTION NOTES.

According to revised figures, the total net exports of wheat, including flour from the United States for the 5 months ending November 30, 1923, amounted to 74,000,000 bushels as compared with 121,000,000 bushels last year. This was a decrease of nearly 39 per cent.

Exports from the United States of all other grains show a big decrease over the exports a year ago. The rye exports were only 3,300,000 bushels as compared with 26,200,000 bushels in 1922, corn exports dropped from 53,700,000 bushels in 1922 to 4,500,000 bushels in 1923.

Canadian exports (domestic) of wheat, including flour amounted to 142,000,000 bushels, which was 2,000,000 bushels more than last year and 56,000,000 bushels more than the domestic exports from the United States for the five months ending November, 1923.

Exports of corn from Argentina during the five months ending November, 1923, amounted to 60,000,000 bushels, or 5,000,000 bushels more than last year, while exports of wheat were about the same for both years or approximately 40,000,000 bushels.

British India exported 10,500,000 bushels of wheat, including flour, during the five months ending November, 1923, as against 2,300,000 bushels in 1922, or a little more than 3-1/2 times as much.

Australia exported 21,000,000 bushels of wheat during the five months ending November, 1923, or practically twice the amount exported a year ago.

FRENCH PORT RE-OPENED TO AMERICAN MEAT EXPORTED FROM ENGLAND.

By a recent decision of the French Department of Agriculture, the port of Boulogne-Sur-Mer has again been opened to exports from England of American smoked and salted meats, after practically having been closed to this trade by the rigid enforcement of French anti-borax laws early in May of this year, according to a report by Vice-Consul Wm. W. Corcoran located at that port.

Total imports of salted meat at Boulogne for the first ten months of 1923 have amounted to 790 tons, the bulk of which was of American origin, and consisted largely of cheaper grades of pork cuts. At the present time, English shipments of these products are running from 50 to 100 tons monthly, varying somewhat with the season and with exchange rates. British firms in this trade are going to considerable expense to adapt American products to French law and French market demands, and their control of the salt meat business in this particular region is evidence of their success.

EXPORTS OF GRAINS AND WHEAT FLOUR FROM THE PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, IMPORTS OF WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR INTO THE UNITED STATES, AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES IN TRANSIT, JULY TO NOVEMBER, 1922 AND 1923, AND DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 22, 1923.

Commodity	Unit	July to November :		1923		
		1922	1923	Week ending:	Week ending:	Week ending:
				Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22
				Preliminary:	Preliminary:	Preliminary:
Exports from the U.S.:		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Barley.....	Bu.	12,777:	7,131 :	322 :	256 :	9
Corn.....	"	53,692:	4,529 :	356 :	484 :	522
Oats.....	"	15,979:	907 :	4 :	138 :	4
Rye.....	"	26,157:	8,837 :	52 :	162 :	97
Wheat.....	"	103,528:	51,837 :	1,316 :	1,451 :	(2) 461
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	6,457:	7,595 :	656 :	486 :	(3)
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	132,583:	36,006 :	4,270 :	3,638 :	(3)
In transit shipments						
from Canada:						
Wheat.....	Bu.	31,505:	35,298 :	3,891 :	4,395 :	4,654
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	829:	1,095 :			
Imports into the U.S.:						
Wheat.....	Bu.	10,745:	11,764 :			
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	220:	90 :			
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	11,734:	12,169 :			
(1) Exports from Canada:						
Wheat.....	Bu.	123,216:	122,651 :			
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	3,844:	4,401 :			
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	140,516:	142,456 :			
Exports from Argentina:						
Wheat.....	Bu.	40,680:	39,698 :			
Corn.....	"	55,005:	59,951 :			
Exports from British India:						
Wheat, including flour.	Bu.	2,796:	10,534 :			
Exports from Australia:						
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	10,561:	20,367 :			

(1) Includes "In transit shipments from Canada."

(2) Including via Pacific Ports this week: wheat 96,000 bushels; flour 203,600 barrels

(3) Not reported

SOURCE: Monthly Summaries of Foreign Commerce of the United States and other Preliminary Reports of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Monthly Reports of the Trade of Canada, Estadística Agro-Pecuaría, International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics, 1922, and Broomhall's Corn Trade News.

PRODUCTION OF CEREALS, ALL COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR 1922 AND 1923.

	Production		Per cent of 1922	
	1922	1923	Decrease	Increase
<u>WHEAT</u>			Per cent	Per cent
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 27 countries reporting.....	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels		
	1,385,162	2,246,671		19.2
Estimates recently received:				
United States	867,598	785,741	9.4	
Spain.....	125,469	157,112		25.2
Hungary.....	54,729	67,677		23.7
Latvia.....	958	1,273		32.9
Lithuania.....	3,274	3,166	3.3	
Rumania.....	92,757	102,514		10.5
Guatemala.....	225	349		56.5
Greek Lebanon.....	732	1,396		78.5
Palestine.....	2,934	2,875	2.0	
Algeria.....	18,233	35,611		95.3
Total 37 countries reporting.....	3,052,119	3,404,384		11.5
<u>RYE</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 20 countries reporting.....	647,087	786,827		21.6
Estimates recently received:				
United States.....	103,362	63,023	39.0	
Spain.....	26,252	28,076		6.9
Hungary.....	25,147	32,111		27.7
Italy.....	5,563	6,449		15.9
Latvia.....	6,845	10,992		60.6
Lithuania.....	24,249	24,924		2.8
Total 26 countries reporting.....	833,505	952,402		13.6

Source: Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

PRODUCTION OF CEREALS, ALL COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR 1922 AND 1923.

Crop	Production		Per cent of 1922	
	1922	1923	Decrease	Increase
	1922	1923	Per cent	Per cent
<u>BARLEY</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 22 countries reporting.....	662,438	715,579		8.0
Estimates recently received:				
United States.....	132,068	198,135		8.9
Spain.....	77,534	111,862		44.3
Estonia.....	6,670	4,831	27.6	
Hungary.....	22,169	24,649		11.2
Italy.....	8,254	10,477		26.9
Latvia.....	6,670	6,966		4.4
Lithuania.....	10,725	7,918	26.2	
Luxemburg.....	177	138	22.0	
Palestine.....	1,475	1,027	30.4	
Algeria.....	19,805	40,527		134.9
Total 32 countries reporting.....	997,935	1,128,159		13.0
<u>OATS</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised 13 countries	1,760,684	2,085,050		18.4
Estimates recently received:				
United States.....	1,215,803	1,299,823		6.9
Austria.....	18,317	26,018		42.0
Spain.....	31,214	40,421		29.5
Estonia.....	10,058	9,800	2.6	
Hungary.....	22,553	25,547		13.3
Italy.....	30,465	39,800		30.6
Latvia.....	18,171	20,518		12.9
Lithuania.....	28,943	23,324	19.4	
Greek Lebanon.....	48	69		43.8
Algeria.....	5,570	15,949		186.5
Total 28 countries reporting.....	3,141,826	3,586,319		14.1

Source: Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

POPULATION.

The reports of the population census of 1921 include total population only, and hence the rural population must be calculated as of 1911. At that time, however, nearly 75 per cent of the total population in present-day Poland was classified as rural. It may be seen from further subdivision, however, that only a portion of the population classified as rural was engaged in agriculture.

AREA AND POPULATION OF POLAND, CENSUS 1921.

County	Area in square miles	Population
Warsaw	9,000	2,112,106
City of Warsaw	47	931,176
Lodz	7,319	2,251,097
Kielce	9,937	2,534,214
Lublin	12,031	2,085,557
Bialystok	12,555	1,302,259
Nowogrodeck	14,361	821,595
Vilna	5,208	983,270
Wolyn	11,561	1,436,916
Polesia	16,009	882,262
Poznan	10,271	1,974,057
Pomorze	6,327	939,495
Crakow	6,735	1,990,399
Lwow	10,434	2,718,856
Stanislawow	7,092	1,548,481
Tarnopol	6,270	1,423,056
Silesia (incl. Teschen)....	1,634	1,125,528
(Military persons)	318,452
Total	146,821	27,183,776

Source: Population - Annuaire Statistique de la Republique
Polonaise, 1920/22, Partie II, p. 361;
Area - 1923 Statesmans Yearbook, p. 1242.

TOTAL AND RURAL POPULATION OF POLAND, 1911,
TERRITORY AS OF 1920.

Division	Total	Rural	Per cent of Total
<u>Russian Poland</u>			
Warsaw	2,503,193	2,056,333	7.7
(City of Warsaw).....	895,435	---
Lodz	2,537,334	1,763,510	6.6
Kielce	2,756,322	2,227,070	8.3
Lublin	2,507,320	2,155,319	8.0
Bialystok	1,380,783	1,072,377	4.0
Total	12,631,392	9,274,664	34.6
<u>Austrian-Poland</u>	8,025,075	6,430,647	24.0
<u>Prussian-Poland:</u>			
Poznan	1,978,467	1,313,405	4.9
Pomorze	993,393	742,730	2.3
Total	2,972,360	2,061,141	7.7
<u>Territory submitted for plebiscite:</u>			
Silesia	1,937,046	1,455,049	5.4
Mazuri	555,199	420,677	1.5
Kwidzyn	161,234	101,451	.4
Total	2,653,479	1,977,177	7.3
Teschen Silesia	434,321	263,107	1.1
Arva	35,000	-----	---
Total	3,173,300	2,260,234	8.4
GRAND TOTAL	26,302,727	20,026,736	74.7

Source: Annuaire Statistique de la Republique, Polonaise, 1920/21,
Partie I, page 32.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE AND SYLVICULTURE
IN POLAND, 1911.

Division	Farming and horticulture	Forestry and hunting	Fishing
<u>Former Austrian-Poland:</u>			
Galicia -			
Cracow	1,851,637	8,422	359
Lwow	2,639,642	16,559	408
Brody	1,326,068	8,026	187
Total	5,817,347	33,007	954
Silesia de Teschen	113,051	4,710	25
<u>Former Prussian-Poland:</u>			
Posen and E. Prussia -			
Poznan	670,019		
Bydgoszcz	369,195		
Gdanski	265,795		
Kwidzyn	513,594		
Total	1,818,603		
Upper Silesia	568,598		
District-Olsztyn	304,592		
(According to sex)			
<u>Former-Austrian-Poland:</u>			
Galicia -			
Men	2,843,613	18,233	516
Women	2,973,734	14,769	438
Silesia de Teschen -			
Men	48,024	2,812	13
Women	65,027	1,898	12
<u>Former-Prussian Poland:</u>			
Posen and E. Prussia -			
Men	365,833		
Women	352,715		
Upper Silesia -			
Men	213,059		
Women	325,729		

Source: Annuaire Statistique de la République Polonaise, 1920/21, pp.203-244.

AREA AND DISTRIBUTION OF LAND IN POLAND.

Land	: Former : Congress : Poland (a)	: Territories: : of the : East (b)	: Galicia	: Silesia (c)	: Former : Prussian : Poland	: Republic of : Poland : (total)
	: Acres	:	:	:	:	:
Total area	: 31,998,620:	: 27,531,606:	: 19,395,771:	: 1,056,365:	: 10,603,473:	: 90,635,835
Plow land d	: 18,035,691:	: 9,429,766:	: 9,537,023:	: 435,153:	: 6,539,243:	: 43,926,876
Meadows and pastures e	: 4,891,982:	: 5,357,150:	: 4,016,672:	: 139,733:	: 1,140,122:	: 15,545,659
Forests f	: 6,254,081:	: 8,419,134:	: 4,992,937:	: 356,958:	: 2,098,383:	: 22,121,593
Other land	: 2,216,866:	: 4,375,506:	: 999,090:	: 74,520:	: 775,726:	: 9,041,708

a. Departments: Warsaw, Lodz, Kielce, Lublin and Bialystok.

b. Departments: Nowogrodek, Polesie, Wolyn and Administrative district of Vilna.

c. Silesia of Teschen and Upper Silesia.

d. Includes vegetable and fruit gardens in Former Prussian Poland.

e. Includes vegetable and fruit gardens as well as improved lands in the three departments of the East.

f. In the five departments of Former Congress Poland, Galicia and Silesia of Teschen includes vegetable and fruit gardens, roads, improved land, water and waste land.

Source: Annuaire Statistique de la Republique Polonaise, Annee 1920-22, Part II, pages 363 and 52.

AREA AND DISTRIBUTION OF LAND IN POLAND.

(Percentage)

Land	: Former : Congress : Poland	: Territories: : of the : East	: Galicia	: Silesia	: Former : Prussian : Poland	: Republic of : Poland : (total)
Total area	: 100	: 100	: 100	: 100	: 100	: 100
Plow land	: 56.4	: 34.2	: 48.4	: 45.9	: 62.1	: 48.5
Meadows and pastures	: 15.3	: 19.4	: 20.7	: 13.2	: 10.8	: 17.2
Forests	: 19.5	: 30.5	: 25.7	: 33.8	: 19.8	: 24.4
Other land	: 8.8	: 15.9	: 5.2	: 7.1	: 7.3	: 9.9

Source: Annuaire Statistique de la Republique Polonaise, Annee 1920-22, Part II, page 363.

AREA OF CROPS IN POLAND.
(Present boundaries.)

Crop	Average 1909-1913	1922	1923
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Wheat	3,331,528	2,573,828	2,502,204
Rye	12,473,092	11,224,594	11,380,274
Barley	3,116,853	2,824,530	2,953,473
Oats	6,709,390	5,878,912	6,113,627
Potatoes	5,944,633	5,409,012	5,542,532
Sugar beets	^a 427,468	270,402	353,600
Total	32,002,964	28,181,323	28,845,715

^a. For year 1913-14.

PRODUCTION OF CROPS IN POLAND.
(Present boundaries)

Crop	Average 1909-1913	1922	1923
	Busbels	Busbels	Busbels
Wheat	61,871,963	42,377,637	53,351,320
Rye	221,413,804	197,372,090	257,544,521
Barley	68,680,937	59,558,684	81,937,633
Oats	170,513,630	172,621,227	258,867,225
Potatoes	---	1,220,576,500	303,443,349
	Short Tons.	Short Tons	Short Tons
Sugar beets	---	2,944,712	3,353,197

Source: Report of L. G. Michael, Foreign Agricultural Economist, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, October 1925.

AREA ^(a) OF CROPS IN POLAND, 1920, 1921, 1922.

Crop	1920	1921	1922
	Acres	Acres	Acres
Wheat	1,790,566	2,092,534	2,573,828*
Rye	7,235,535	8,865,859	11,224,594*
Barley	1,943,765	2,450,552	2,824,580*
Oats	4,113,450	4,753,463	5,878,912*
Potatoes	4,061,476	4,795,566	5,409,012*
Sugar beets	175,196	196,687	270,402*
Buckwheat	515,300	479,475	701,341
Millet	---	142,713	235,109
Corn	107,543	131,709	182,839
Mixed grain	215,123	195,506	209,803
Peas	138,529	310,029	379,926
Beans, broad beans and lentils .	197,673	35,860	68,486
Rape seeds	---	31,133	112,030
Flax	---	175,095	251,493
Hemp	---	79,823	103,211
Poppy seed	---	3,944	8,327
Beets	214,194	243,374	313,824
Carrots	105,704	99,922	129,260
Cabbages	---	114,093	149,379
Onions	---	19,555	28,236
Chickory	---	5,463	4,789
Hops	---	---	4,823
Broad beans	---	28,033	39,736
Vetch seed	119,347	192,313	210,529
Lupines	347,225	474,729	410,623
Mixed legumes	215,123	131,151	320,140
Serradilla	---	396,447	266,512
Clover	---	708,777	700,368
Tobacco	---	2,896	---
Total items reported each year..	21,500,749	25,546,729	31,103,099

(a). In this table the data for 1920 and 1921 are for only portions of the present Polish Republic. The changes in boundary were not entirely settled in time to enable the Polish Government to collect agricultural statistics for all of the territory during those years. The data therefore are not strictly comparable for the entire series.

Source: Consular Report, Warsaw, Poland, May 16, 1923, excepting figures for 1922 marked with an asterisk.

*Figures collected by L. G. Michael, October, 1923.

PRODUCTION OF CROPS IN POLAND, 1920, 1921, 1922.

Crop	1920	1921	1922
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Wheat	22,740,780:	37,409,123 :	42,377,637*
Rye	73,659,426:	167,557,631 :	197,372,090*
Barley	33,556,721:	56,204,302 :	59,558,684*
Oats	123,060,660:	150,285,929 :	172,621,227*
Potatoes	664,920,000:	617,271,870 :	1,220,576,500*
Buckwheat	3,548,809:	4,969,031 :	10,763,776
Millet	---	2,174,995 :	4,027,354
Corn	1,031,368:	2,265,739 :	2,775,591
Mixed grain	4,157,170:	3,741,054 :	4,163,653
Peas	1,796,161:	4,285,081 :	4,923,570
Beans, broad beans and lentils .	2,689,428:	1,167,446 :	1,047,405
Rape seeds	---	900,800 :	1,630,214
Flax	---	1,257,171 :	1,994,612
Hemp	---	843,259 :	1,295,553
Onions	---	2,602,550 :	4,716,645
Broad beans	---	410,827 :	637,974
Vetch seed	1,536,753:	2,415,250 :	2,889,275
Lupine	4,774,853:	5,867,763 :	6,326,982
Mixed Legumes	3,537,753:	3,997,638 :	6,327,336
Clover	---	2,645,704 :	2,103,763
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Poppy seed	---	203,925 :	427,692
Chicory	---	47,562,040 :	617,590,031
Tobacco	---	2,015,004 :	---
	Short Tons	Short Tons	Short Tons
Sugar Beets	1,526,487:	1,244,267 :	2,944,712
Beets	1,974,125:	2,012,663 :	3,748,319
Carrots	936,505:	668,679 :	1,188,479
Cabbages	---	507,093 :	1,183,854
Hops	---	---	1,779
Serradilla	---	67,151 :	64,303

Source: Consular Report, Warsaw, Poland, May 16, 1923, except figures marked with asterisk.

*Figures collected by L. G. Michael, October, 1923.

POLISH SUGAR PRODUCTION (PRESENT BOUNDARIES).

(Raw Sugar).

Year	Short Tons	Year	Short Tons
1913-14	719,100	1919-20	106,200
1914-15 <u>a</u>	375,600	1920-21	194,800
1915-16	239,000	1921-22	199,800
1916-17	292,600	1922-23	294,000
1917-18	263,200	1923-24 <u>b</u>	397,000
1918-19	249,200		

a. Prussian Poland only.b. Forecast.

Source: Annuaire Statistique de la Republique Polonaise 1-ere, Annee 1920-22, Partie II, page 145; Revue Mensuelle de Statistique Tome V Fascicule 3 Annee 1922, page 134; 1922-23 and 1923-24 cable from Consulting Specialist of the Department of Agriculture in Europe, October 1923.

POLISH LIVESTOCK BEFORE THE WAR AND IN 1921.

(Present Boundaries).

Classification	Pre-war	1921
Horses	3,385,414	3,201,166
Cattle	8,351,163	7,894,536
Sheep	4,267,530	2,178,216
Swine	5,231,345	5,170,612

Source: Annuaire Statistique de la Republique Polonaise 1 ere Annee 1920-22, Partie II, page 83 and at end of book under "Errata", published 1923.

POLISH EGG PRODUCTION AND EXPORTATION.

Eggs were an export product of value for former Russian Poland and while production has greatly decreased owing to the loss of poultry during the war, this commodity is again rapidly becoming an important item of export.

In 1914 former Russian Poland produced 900,000,000 eggs.

The production for the Republic of Poland from 1919 to 1922 is shown by the following table.

Year	Number
1919	2,880,000
1920	5,760,000
1921	16,000,000
1922	30,000,000

There are no available pre-war statistics showing the exportation of eggs produced on what is now Polish territory. The steady increase in the number of eggs exported since 1920 is shown by the following figures: 1920, 300 to 350 carloads (estimated); 1921, 500 carloads to England and Switzerland; 1922, 666 carloads to England and Austria.

According to provisions of commercial agreements Austria and Switzerland are each to receive 10 per cent of the total number of eggs exported by the Republic of Poland.

Source: American Consul General, Warsaw, Poland, April 10, 1923.

Tobacco Monopoly in Poland.

The Polish Ministry of Finance has forbidden the planting of tobacco by anyone who refuses to deliver his entire crop to the Central Government Bureau of Monopolies, says the American Consul General, L. J. Keena, at Warsaw, under date of October 29.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES ARTIFICIALLY DEPRESSED IN POLAND.

Discrepancy between agricultural and non-agricultural prices is becoming an issue in Poland. So long as prices of non-agricultural products lagged behind currency depreciation, corresponding more or less with agricultural prices, so long, too, as agricultural taxes fell with depreciation almost to the vanishing point, while at the same time available supplies of foodstuffs were so deficient as to lead to government restriction of exports, the condition of the peasant was favorable enough to make it possible for him to wipe out his indebtedness and become relatively prosperous.

By 1921, however, domestic production had become sufficient to meet consumptive demand. Instead of removing the emergency export restrictions, the policy has since been deliberately continued with the aim of maintaining artificially low levels of living costs.

With agricultural prices thus arbitrarily depreciated and non-agricultural prices adjusted to a sliding scale which moves all but automatically with currency fluctuations, with agricultural taxes being revived and placed on a gold basis, and with an excess of low-priced farm products, the position of the peasant is now becoming so disadvantageous as to raise the issue between the agricultural and labor classes into political prominence.

The depression of domestic agricultural prices in Poland is indicated by the following comparison of prices prevailing on the Warsaw Bourse in October, 1923, with prewar prices.

Grain Quotations on the Warsaw Bourse in cents per bushel at
Prevailing Exchange:

	<u>Average 1909-13</u>	<u>October, 1923</u>
Wheat	95	63
Rye	70	23
Barley	47	26
Oats	35	14

Source: Abstracted from Report No. 54, by Elbert Baldwin, Assistant Trade Commissioner, Warsaw, November 2, 1923.

POLAND: IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SPECIFIED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,
CALENDAR YEARS, 1920 TO 1923.

Year:	Rye		Wheat		Wheat flour	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Barrels	1,000 Barrels
1920 -	512	35	2	1	1,656	15
1921 -	1,010	145	726	0	341	22
1922 -	39	242	10	(1)	77	9
1923 -						
Jan. to Sept.	---	---	---	---	535	---
	Rice		Coffee		Cotton, raw	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Bales	1,000 Bales
1920 -	30,903	324	7,612	27	106	0
1921 -	88,501	97	8,226	58	158	0
1922 -	31,708	272	---	---	222	0
1923 -						
Jan. to Sept.	28,500	---	---	---	175	0
	Sugar		Tea		Tobacco	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds
1920 -	(2) 10,495	(2) 34,235	3,771	0	(2) 14,376	(2) 252
1921 -	(2) 5,305	(2) 86,982	3,917	56	(2) 22,529	(2) 118
1922 -			2,260	108		
1923 -						
Jan. to Sept.			4,422	0		
	Wool		Hides			
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports		
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds		
1920 -	14,837	38	(2) 917	(2) 487		
1921 -	21,351	129	(2) 4,725	(2) 788		
1922 -	34,378	1,030				
1923 -						
Jan. to Sept.						

(1) Less than 1,000 bushels.

(2) SOURCE: Commerce estanger de la Pologne au mois Janvier, Fevrier et Mars, 1922.

SOURCE: International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistice and International Institute Reports.

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IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM POLAND AND DANZIG, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922,
1923 AND JULY TO OCT., 1923.

Article	Year Ending June 30.		July - Oct.
	1922	1923	1923
Bristles:			
Not sorted, etc.....lbs.:	29,549:	50,850:	48,195
Sorted.....lbs.:	2,203:	237:	---
Feathers & downs, crude.....lbs.:	146,581:	221,012:	75,500
Hides & skins (except fur skins):			
Calf-			
Dry.....lbs.:	256,631:	162,836:	18,323
Green or pickled.....lbs.:	486,273:	448,907:	15,963
Cattle-			
Dry.....lbs.:	10,417:	---	---
Seeds:			
Clover, red.....lbs.:	425,947:	132,000:	---
Other clover.....lbs.:	6,633:	64,953:	9,720
Tea.....lbs.:	136,439:	18:	---
Mushrooms & truffles			
prepared or preserved.....lbs.:	296,661:	878,527:	19,068

EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO POLAND AND DANZIG, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922,
1923 AND JULY TO OCT., 1923.

Article	Year Ending June 30.		July - Oct.
	1922	1923	1923
Breadstuffs:			
Bread & biscuit.....lbs.:	15,270:	1,402:	---
Corn & corn flour.....bbls.:	3,554:	---	---
Oatmeal & rolled oats.....lbs.:	---	264,835:	---
Rice.....lbs.:	227,779:	87,500:	---
Wheat flour.....bbls.:	146,744:	158,785:	---
Cotton (unmanufactured):			
Upland & other.....500 lb. bales.:	18,162:	22,222:	2,922,312
Hides & skins (except fur skins)....lbs.:	129,161:	129,797:	244,694
Hog products:			
Bacon.....lbs.:	599,223:	2,081,655:	---
Lard.....lbs.:	2,716,022:	6,708,091:	---
Pork, pickled.....lbs.:	50,342:	192,817:	---
Lard compounds.....lbs.:	967,665:	---	---
Dairy products:			
Milk -			
Condensed (sweetened).....lbs.:	1,647,272:	67,237:	---
Evaporated (not sweetened)....lbs.:	11,553,420:	164,640:	---
Cotton seed meal.....lbs.:	90,000:	---	---
Corn oil.....lbs.:	58,125:	---	---
Cotton seed oil.....lbs.:	3,281:	42,445:	---
Sugar, refined.....lbs.:	4,773,107:	44,800:	---

POLAND: TOTAL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF WHEAT, INCLUDING FLOUR, SUGAR
AND COFFEE, CALENDAR YEARS 1920 AND 1921.

Wheat, incl., flour:	1920		1921	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.
Austria.....	2:	---	9:	(1)
Czechoslovakia....	(1)	(1)	14:	(1)
Danzig.....	2,544:	1:	(2)	(2)
England.....	(2)	(2)	25:	---
Germany.....	48:	12:	15:	27
Rumania.....	1:	---	15:	---
United States.....	2,805:	---	6,006:	---
Other countries....	13:	37:	881:	50
Total.....	5,415:	50:	6,965:	77
Sugar:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Austria.....	147:	---	65:	2
Czechoslovakia....	8,781:	---	4,630:	---
Danzig.....	354:	7,468:	(2)	(2)
England.....	1:	3,388:	23:	26,149
France.....	102:	---	96:	1,750
Germany.....	111:	25,377:	4:	---
United States.....	599:	---	53:	---
Other countries....	400:	---	429:	59,081
Total.....	10,495:	34,233:	5,305:	86,982
Coffee:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Austria.....	2,123:	---	741:	22
Czechoslovakia....	551:	---	537:	32
England.....	611:	---	655:	---
France.....	206:	---	48:	---
Germany.....	358:	21:	643:	3
Holland.....	1,343:	---	(2)	(2)
United States.....	915:	---	940:	---
Other countries....	1,506:	6:	5,406:	2
Total.....	7,613:	27:	8,970:	59

(1) Less than 500.

(2) If any, included in other countries.

Source: Commerce etranger de la Pologne au mois de janvier,
fevrier et mars 1922.

POLAND: TOTAL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF RYE, INCLUDING FLOUR, RICE
AND TOBACCO, CALENDAR YEARS 1920 AND 1921.

Rye, incl., flour:	1920		1921	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.
Danzig.....	310:	10:	(2)	(2)
England.....	(2)	(2)	(1)	109
Germany.....	3:	280:	4:	12
Rumania.....	83:	---	649:	---
United States....	118:	---	1,067:	---
Other countries..	(1)	290:	1,421:	43
Total.....	544:	580:	3,141:	164
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Rice:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Austria.....	637:	---	4,021:	---
Czechoslovakia...	92:	---	894:	---
Danzig.....	5,640:	---	(2)	(2)
England.....	2,020:	---	5,650:	---
France.....	(2)	(2)	1,763:	---
Germany.....	2,778:	324:	5,954:	81
Holland.....	4,632:	---	(2)	(2)
Italy.....	1,075:	---	(2)	(2)
Brazil.....	5,042:	---	(2)	(2)
United States....	7,759:	---	34,459:	---
Other countries..	1,228:	---	70,635:	109
Total.....	30,904:	324:	123,376:	190
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Tobacco:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Austria.....	18:	---	443:	---
Czechoslovakia...	(2)	(2)	25:	4
Danzig.....	946:	---	(2)	(2)
England.....	260:	---	733:	---
France.....	1,437:	---	517:	---
Germany.....	1,000:	40:	2,333:	29
Rumania.....	645:	---	856:	---
Switzerland.....	3,177:	212:	(2)	(2)
United States....	3,328:	---	1,504:	---
Other countries..	3,565:	---	16,058:	85
Total.....	14,376:	252:	22,529:	118

(1) Less than 500.

(2) If any, included in other countries.

Source: Commerce etranger de la Pologne au mois de janvier, fevrier et mars 1922.

POLAND: TOTAL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF WOOL, HIDES AND SKINS,
CALENDAR YEARS, 1920 AND 1921.

Wool:	1920		1921	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Australia.....	1,217:	---	2,498:	15
Belgium.....	2,125:	---	(2) :	(2)
Czechoslovakia....	150:	4:	807:	8
Danzig.....	596:	---	(2) :	(2)
England.....	3,131:	---	4,570:	---
France.....	1,704:	---	1,536:	---
Germany.....	2,401:	2:	3,087:	84
Holland.....	142:	---	(2) :	(2)
Italy.....	155:	---	(2) :	(2)
Rumania.....	196:	---	70:	16
Switzerland.....	389:	---	(2) :	(2)
United States.....	2,217:	---	2,786:	---
Other countries....	355:	32:	7,656:	21
Total.....	14,778:	38:	23,110:	144
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Raw Hides:	1,000		1,000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Austria.....	44:	8:	253:	1
Czechoslovakia....	8:	23:	29:	193
Danzig.....	29:	4:	---	---
England.....	148:	---	952:	---
France.....	98:	---	388:	---
Germany.....	66:	452:	783:	517
Holland.....	13:	---	---	---
Rumania.....	13:	---	107:	---
United States.....	484:	---	1,346:	---
Other countries....	14:	---	267:	77
Total.....	917:	487:	4,725:	788
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Skins:	1,000		1,000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Austria.....	10:	---	155:	1
Czechoslovakia....	---	16:	(1) :	123
England.....	---	29:	2:	(1)
France.....	(2) :	(2) :	4:	---
Germany.....	(1) :	11:	3:	256
Rumania.....	(2) :	(2) :	81:	---
Russia.....	19:	---	(2) :	(2)
United States.....	---	---	---	1
Other countries....	3:	---	11:	3
Total.....	32:	55:	261:	384

(1) Less than 500.

(2) If any, included in "Other Countries."

Source: Commerce etranger de la Pologne au mois de janvier, fevrier et mars 1922.

In last week's issue of Foreign Crops and Markets attention was called to the fact that the value of the imports of agricultural products into the United States exceeded the exports, probably for the first time in the history of the country. This situation was due in large measure to the increase in the imports of certain commodities particularly silk, sugar, rubber, wool and hides. Wool imports for example amounted to 550,000,000 pounds last year (July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923) as compared with 255,000,000 pounds in the preceding year. Imports of cattle hides increased from 205,000,000 pounds to 405,000,000 pounds. Imports of silk have increased from the pre-war average, 1909-1913, of 29,000,000 pounds to 63,000,000 in 1922-23, and rubber from the pre-war average of 106,000,000 pounds to 798,000,000 pounds. These figures are significant as indicating a general increase in the purchasing power of the nation and the development of certain industries which use raw materials produced in other countries. The increase in imports of silk may be attributed both to the increase in the purchasing power of consumers in the United States and to high prices for other clothing materials. The expansion of the automobile industry is responsible for the great increase in the imports of rubber. The volume of imports of silk, sugar, rubber, and coffee, pre-war average 1909-13 and annually 1914-1922, are given below.

IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES.

Silk, Sugar, Rubber, Coffee, average 1909-13,
annually 1914-22.

Year begin- July 1.	Silk	Sugar	Rubber	Coffee
	1,000	Short tons	1,000	1,000
	Pounds		Pounds	Pounds
Average				
1909-13.....	28,671:	2,194,191:	105,736:	899,339
1914.....	31,053:	2,709,754:	172,068:	1,118,691
1915.....	41,925:	2,815,637:	267,776:	1,201,104
1916.....	40,351:	2,664,808:	335,374:	1,319,871
1917.....	43,681:	2,449,139:	339,599:	1,143,891
1918.....	50,069:	2,915,992:	402,472:	1,046,029
1919.....	58,410:	3,795,984:	632,393:	1,414,228
1920.....	34,778:	3,503,344:	356,975:	1,348,926
1921.....	57,437:	4,232,167:	568,381:	1,233,012
1922.....	63,188:	4,211,242:	797,655:	1,305,168
	:	:	:	:

SOURCE: Monthly Summaries of Foreign Commerce of the United States.

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